

**A Festival of  
Socialist Ideas**

**MarXism**

**2024**



timetable

**M**arxism 2024 runs from 4-7 July in Bloomsbury, central London, and is hosted by the **Socialist Workers Party**.

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# Thursday 4 July

| 1-2.15pm   | 2.45-4pm  | 5-6.15pm  | 7-8.30pm   |
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| <p>PALESTINE</p> <p><b>Palestine 101: a revolutionary struggle</b></p> <p>Ramsis Kilani</p>            | <p>KEY THINKERS</p> <p><b>Frantz Fanon: imperialism, violence and revolution</b></p> <p>Gary McFarlane</p>                        | <p>ELECTIONS</p> <p><b>Starmergeddon: the left and the prospects for a Labour government</b></p> <p>Mark L Thomas</p> | <p>PALESTINE</p> <p><b>One state: the only democratic future for Palestine-Israel</b></p> <p>Ghada Karmi</p>                                 |
| <p>LIBERATION</p> <p><b>Toxic masculinity: are all men sexist?</b></p> <p>Jan Nielsen</p>              | <p>ANTI-RACISM</p> <p><b>Genocide and Islamophobia: how Palestine has transformed the question of race</b></p> <p>Nadia Sayed</p> | <p>THEORY</p> <p><b>Marxism vs post Marxism</b></p> <p>Rob Hoveman</p>  | <p><b>Booklaunch</b></p> <p><i><b>Why you should be a Socialist: the Case for Revolution</b></i></p> <p>Sophia Beach &amp; Lewis Nielsen</p> |
| CULTURE TENT   |    | <p>CULTURE</p> <p><b>Marxism and art</b></p> <p>Richard Bradbury</p>  | <p>LIBERATION</p> <p><b>Small island: race and racism in Britain today</b></p> <p>Gary Young in conversation</p>                             |
|  | <p>CLIMATE</p> <p><b>Can Marxism explain the climate crisis?</b></p> <p>Katie Coles</p>   | <p>STRATEGY</p> <p><b>ACAB: why we should abolish the police</b></p> <p>Zak Cochrane</p>                              | <p>LIBERATION</p> <p><b>By any means necessary: race, class and capitalism</b></p> <p>Samira Ali</p>   |
| <p>ANTI-FASCISM</p> <p><b>The return of fascism: are we back to the 1930s?</b></p> <p>Julie Sherry</p> | <p><b>Socialism 101</b></p> <p><b>Is human nature a barrier to socialism?</b></p> <p>Olive Whigham</p>                            | <p>THEORY</p> <p><b>Is Cuba a model for socialism?</b></p> <p>Liam Winning</p>  | <p>THEORY</p> <p><b>Legalise: the case to decriminalise drugs</b></p> <p>Keir McKechnie</p>  |

# Friday 5 July

| 10-11.15am  | 11.45am-1pm   | 2.30-3.45pm   | 4.15-5.30pm   | 6.30-8pm  |
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|   | <p>THEORY<br/><b>Marx and Spinoza</b><br/>Alex Callinicos</p>  | <p><b>Booklaunch</b><br/><i>What is Anti-Racism and Why It Means Anti-Capitalism</i><br/>Arun Kundnani *<br/>in conversation</p>            | <p>ELECTIONS<br/><b>The election result: facing a Starmer government</b><br/>Charlie Kimber</p>                         | <p>FRIDAY NIGHT RALLY<br/><b>Intifada &amp; revolution: changing a world in crisis</b><br/>Richard Boyd Barrett, Ghassan Abu-Sitta &amp; others</p> |
| <p>THEORY<br/><b>A Marxist history of conspiracy theories</b><br/>Richard Donnelly</p>                          | <p>THEORY<br/><b>Do British workers benefit from imperialism in the Global South?</b><br/>Joseph Choonara</p>                                   | <p>CLASS STRUGGLE<br/><b>Can there be a workers' revolution in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?</b><br/>Raquel Varela &amp; Joseph Choonara</p> | <p>ANTI-RACISM<br/><b>Understanding Islamophobia: the hate the state made</b><br/>Arun Kundnani*</p>                    |   |
| <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>Angela Davis: women, race and class</b><br/>Kwabena Devonish</p>                           | <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>Is gender a social construct?</b><br/>Isabel Ringrose</p>  | <p>ELECTIONS<br/><b>Are the Greens a radical alternative to Labour?</b><br/>Camilla Royle</p>   | <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>After Cass: resisting the war on trans+ people</b><br/>Sky Harrison &amp; Laura Miles</p>          |    |
| <p><b>Book launch</b><br/><i>Toussaint Louverture</i><br/>graphic novel<br/>Sakina Karimjee &amp; Nic Watts</p> | <p>ANTI-RACISM<br/><b>Class or community: how do we win liberation?</b><br/>Yuri Prasad</p>   | <p>CULTURE<br/><b>Monstrous mothers and demon seed: why horror films love the family</b><br/>Sally Campbell</p>                             | <p><b>Book launch</b><br/><i>Revolutionary Acts: Love &amp; Brotherhood in Black Gay Britain</i><br/>Jason Okundaye</p> |   |
| <p>THEORY<br/><b>Was China ever socialist?</b><br/>Sally Kincaid</p>  | <p>INTERNATIONAL<br/><b>US on fire: Biden, the democrats and the power to beat Trump</b><br/>Emma Davis</p>                                     | <p>STRATEGY<br/><b>Palestine, students and the resistance on campus</b><br/>Speakers from the student camps</p>                             | <p>THEORY<br/><b>How can we beat imperialism? Marxism and national liberation</b><br/>Tomáš Tengely-Evans</p>           |   |
| <p>CLIMATE<br/><b>Trotsky's ecology: what would socialist ecology look like?</b><br/>Ian Rappel</p>             | <p>RUSSIA COURSE<br/><b>Russia 1917: coup or revolution?</b><br/>Jack Thornton</p>  | <p>RUSSIA COURSE<br/><b>Did Lenin lead to Stalin - and does it matter?</b><br/>Thomas Foster</p>  | <p>RUSSIA COURSE<br/><b>State capitalism: why Stalinism isn't socialism</b><br/>Héctor Sierra</p>                       |    |

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# Saturday 6 July

| 9.30-10.30am  | 10.45am-12pm   | 12-3.30pm   | 3.30-4.45pm  | 5.15-6.30pm   | 7-8.30pm   |
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| INTERNATIONAL<br><b>France: Le Pen, fascism and the popular front</b><br>Denis Godard                       | PALESTINE<br><b>We won't be silent: Palestine and the crackdown</b><br>Yanis Varoufakis* & Sophia Beach                    | <i>Break to attend national demonstration for Palestine in London</i> | IMPERIALISM<br><b>Liberal imperialism goes to war</b><br>Alex Callinicos   | PALESTINE<br><b>What Palestine teaches us</b><br>Tariq Ali  | THEORY<br><b>Polycrisis and catastrophe: understanding the logic of capitalism</b><br>Alex Callinicos                                    |
|   | IMPERIALISM<br><b>Settler colonialism from South Africa to Israel</b><br>Charlie Kimber                                    |   | PALESTINE<br><b>Rethinking permanent revolution</b><br>Anne Alexander  | ELECTIONS<br><b>Revolutionaries, elections and the way forward</b><br>Joseph Choonara                             | ANTI-FASCISM<br><b>After the Euro elections: is fascism on the march in Europe?</b><br>Christine Buchholz, Weyman Bennett & Denis Godard |
| <b>Book launch</b><br><i>The Radical Jewish Tradition</i><br>Donny Gluckstein                               | ANTI-RACISM<br><b>Here to fight: Asian struggles in Britain</b><br>Amrit Wilson, Balwinder Rana, Mukhtar Dar & Yuri Prasad |   | CULTURE<br><b>Poetry for the many</b><br>Jeremy Corbyn<br>   | <b>Book launch</b><br><i>Paul Foot: A Life in Politics</i><br>Eamonn McCann*, Margaret Renn & Matt Foot           | CULTURE<br><b>Artists for Palestine</b><br>George the Poet, Maysa Ibrahim & Lowkey   |
| KEY THINKERS<br><b>Gramsci, revolution and hegemony</b><br>Jess Walsh                                       | STRATEGY<br><b>Party and class: what kind of organisation do we need?</b><br>Lewis Nielsen                                 |   | THEORY<br><b>Who is the real threat to free speech?</b><br>Esme Choonara   | THEORY<br><b>Artificial Intelligence: are robots taking over?</b><br>John Parrington                              | LIBERATION<br><b>Sigmas, alphas and trad wives: how has sexism changed?</b><br>Sophia Beach  |
| ANTI-RACISM<br><b>Slavery, empire and reparations</b><br>Steve Phillip                                      | CLIMATE<br><b>Is climate justice a class issue?</b><br>Suzanne Jeffrey   |   | ECONOMICS<br><b>The world economy: is the long depression ending?</b><br>Michael Roberts                                   | <b>Book launch</b><br><i>Dismantling Green Colonialism</i><br>Manal Shqair & Hamza Hamouchene                     | IMPERIALISM<br><b>The anti-colonial revolution and imperialism today</b><br>Anne Alexander & Hamza Hamouchene                            |
| CLASS STRUGGLE<br><b>Coal mines to call centres: has the working class lost it's power?</b><br>Julie Sherry | HISTORY<br><b>50 years since the Portuguese Revolution</b><br>Raquel Varela  |   | LIBERATION<br><b>Do we need a Queer Marxism?</b><br>Tomáš Tengely-Evans  | HISTORY<br><b>The Miners' Strike 40 years on</b><br>Mike Simons, Gareth Peirce, Ian Mitchell & Heather Wood       | <b>Film</b><br><i>Strike: An Uncivil War</i><br>A new film about the Miners' Strike  |
| KEY THINKERS<br><b>Vygotsky: how do we learn and develop as human beings?</b><br>Jane Bassett               | LIBERATION<br><b>US to Britain: why are we still fighting for abortion rights in 2024?</b><br>Judith Orr                   |   | <b>Panel</b><br><b>The struggle for homes: what we need</b><br>Jackson Cairns, Ella Caldwell, Moyra Samuels & Morag Gillie | LIBERATION<br><b>Capitalism and neurodiversity</b><br>Roddy Slorach, Dean Harris, Michael Kasabele & Nicola Field |  |
| <b>Socialism 101</b><br><b>An introduction to Marxist economics in 30 minutes</b><br>Rory Anderson          | THEORY<br><b>Marxism and hegemony</b><br>Pablo Phillips  |   | LIBERATION<br><b>Origins: where does sexism come from?</b><br>Jess Edwards   | HISTORY<br><b>The French Revolution: the decisive battle in the birth of the modern world</b><br>Paul McGarr      |  |
|   | HISTORY<br><b>How the British empire exported homophobia</b><br>Chioma Amadi-Kamalu  |   | CLASS STRUGGLE<br><b>What is the rank and file - and why does it matter?</b><br>Alan Kenny                                 | ANTI-FASCISM<br><b>Explaining the inexplicable: Marxism and the Holocaust</b><br>Anna Gluckstein                  |  |

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# Sunday 7 July

| 10-11.15am  | 11.45am-1pm  | 2-3.15pm  | 3.45-5pm   | 5.30pm   |
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| <p>ANTI-FASCISM<br/><b>Know your enemy: what is fascism?</b><br/>Mark L Thomas</p>                            | <p>PALESTINE<br/><b>The endgame of Israeli settler colonialism?</b><br/>Ilan Pappé*</p>                                | <p><b>Debate</b><br/><b>Degrowth: can it save the planet?</b><br/>Jason Hickel &amp; Martin Empson</p>                                      | <p>STRATEGY<br/><b>Palestine: building a movement against genocide and imperialism</b><br/>Lindsey German, Ben Jamal &amp; Lewis Nielsen</p> | <p>CLOSING RALLY<br/><b>Resistance in a world of imperialism and crisis</b><br/>Ramsis Kilani, Sophia Beach, Denis Godard &amp; others</p> |
|                               | <p>ANTI-RACISM<br/><b>Farage, Tommy Robinson and stopping the far right</b><br/>Weyman Bennett &amp; Lewis Nielsen</p> | <p>ELECTIONS<br/><b>The left, Palestine and the election</b><br/>Andrew Feinstein, Claudia Webbe, Michael Lavalette &amp; Maxine Bowler</p> | <p>IMPERIALISM<br/><b>The crisis of imperialism</b><br/>Walden Bello* &amp; Lucia Pradella</p>   |    |
| <p>PALESTINE<br/><b>A socialist history of the Palestinian resistance</b><br/>Phil Marfleet</p>               | <p>THEORY<br/><b>Is Marxism class reductionist?</b><br/>Sophia Beach</p>   | <p>ANTI-RACISM<br/><b>No justice, no peace: police, racism &amp; the state</b><br/>Marcia Rigg, Amer Anwar* &amp; Brian Richardson</p>      | <p><b>Book launch</b><br/><b>China: Rise, Repression and Resistance</b><br/>Adrian Budd</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Book launch</b><br/><b>William Blake: The Scourge of Tyrants</b><br/>Judy Cox</p>                       | <p>CULTURE<br/><b>Get Up, Stand Up! A brief history of Bob Marley</b><br/>Brian Richardson</p>                         | <p>CULTURE<br/><b>Godfather to Goodfellas: why is Hollywood obsessed with the Mafia?</b><br/>Geraldine Mirabile &amp; Lewis Nielsen</p>     | <p>CULTURE<br/><b>A rebel's guide to disco</b><br/>Yuri Prasad &amp; Liz Wheatley</p>  |    |
| <p>ELECTIONS<br/><b>Nation over class: Labour, the unions and imperialism</b><br/>Sean Vernell</p>            | <p>CLASS STRUGGLE<br/><b>Pay strikes to Palestine: how do we build fighting trade unions?</b><br/>Jess Walsh</p>       | <p>INTERNATIONAL<br/><b>Sudan: revolution, war and imperialism</b><br/>Muzan Alneel* &amp; Hussein Said</p>                                 | <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>Do we need a black Marxism?</b><br/>Ken Olende</p>  |  |
| <p>INTERNATIONAL<br/><b>India and Modi after the elections</b><br/>Talat Ahmed</p>                            | <p>INTERNATIONAL<br/><b>Ireland: is unity on the cards?</b><br/>Richard Boyd Barrett</p>                               | <p>ANTI-RACISM<br/><b>Fighting antisemitism</b><br/>Rob Ferguson</p>  | <p>CLIMATE<br/><b>No climate justice on occupied land: Palestine, fossil fuels and ecology</b><br/>Camilla Royle</p>                         |    |
| <p>CLIMATE<br/><b>The invention of the Western diet: capitalism, food and colonialism</b><br/>Amy Leather</p> | <p>THEORY<br/><b>The prophet &amp; the proletariat: a Marxist analysis of Islamism</b><br/>Nadia Sayed</p>             | <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>Allyship or coalition: how do we win LGBT+ liberation?</b><br/>Michael Dance</p>                                       | <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>Disability, identity and class</b><br/>Roddy Slorach</p>  |    |
| <p>MARX COURSE<br/><b>WTF is the dialectic?</b><br/>Hope Ryan</p>   | <p>LIBERATION<br/><b>The politics of motherhood</b><br/>Sarah Bates</p>  | <p>MARX COURSE<br/><b>Why we hate Mondays: Marxism and alienation</b><br/>Sascha Radl</p>   | <p>STRATEGY<br/><b>Fighting for hegemony: why socialists need the united front</b><br/>Héctor Sierra</p>                                     |  |
|                             | <p>MARX COURSE<br/><b>How history happens: historical materialism</b><br/>Laura Verdasco</p>                           | <p>PALESTINE<br/><b>Can the axis of resistance liberate Palestine?</b><br/>Simon Assaf</p>  | <p>THEORY<br/><b>The evolution from ape to humans: was it the mothers that did it?</b><br/>Sheila McGregor</p>                               |    |

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